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EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 26 WHICH APPEARED TO REPLY TO OPPOSITION
DEMANDS FOR A ROLE IN TALKS. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT:

QUOTE

U.K. GUATEMALA TALKS NO SURPRISE

THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A MEETING SHOULD NOT BE AN AFFRONT TO
THE BELIZEAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT IS THE BELIZEAN
PEOPLE, THROUGH THE POLITICAL PARITES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
WHO WILL HAVE THE FINAL AND RIGHTFUL SAY WHEN THE TIME COMES
TO RATIFY ANY AGREEMENT THAT MIGHT BE REACHED TO ACHIEVE AND
GUARANTEE THE INDEPENDENCE OF BELIZE.

A MANDATE TO GOVERNMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN A MANDATE TO GOVERN AND IT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFILL ITS MANIFESTO. IN FULFILLING THIS RESPONSIBILITY IT IS NOT IN DUTY BOUND TO INFORM OPPOSING PARTIES ABOUT EVERY WORD SPOKEN WITH THE BRITISH TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.

ONLY WHEN A FIRM PROPOSAL IS MADE AND WHEN THIS FIRM PROPOSAL IS SUCH THAT IT MEETS THE POLICY OF BELIZE, THAT THE SUBJECT WILL BE BROUGHT FOR RATIFICATION OR REJECTION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

THIS IS THE WAY THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WORKS AND IN THE END IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE FINAL SAY. THIS SYSTEM SAFEGUARDS THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF ALL BELIZEANS.
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